Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 24 Mar 2022 until 23:59 on Friday 25 Mar 2022

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 23 Mar 2022 at 13:34 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for mainly dry, mild, settled conditions to the end of the week, with the main uncertainties around cloud amounts, and the possibility of showers on Thursday. Low confidence in timing and extent of rain and snow on Monday, and for how low freezing levels will fall.

Headline for Thursday 24 Mar 2022: Increasingly cloudy, a few afternoon showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 24 Mar 2022

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	00%	<05%	10%	10%	<05%

Forecast for Thursday 24 Mar 2022

Weather: Dry with clear spells and some patchy mist or frost in the glens through the early hours. Some sunny spells to start the day in the east, but cloud increases through the morning. A few well scattered showers in the afternoon, most likely across the Cairngorms, but most hills dry. Then a dry evening and night with the odd clear spell.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% in the west, 70% in the east

Low cloud and visibility: Visibility mostly good outside of low cloud, although a slight haze obscuring distant hills. Cloud lowering to around 700-800m by mid-morning across hills west of Dalwhinnie. Further east, occasional cloud from late morning mainly above 1000-1100m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	22/28 S	17/23 SW	17/22 SW	17/24 SW	14/22 SW	11/18 SW	11/16 W	11/16 W	12/18 SW
900	20/25 S	16/21 S	15/19 SW	14/19 SW	12/18 SW	11/17 W	9/13 W	9/12 SW	10/15 SW
600	11/15 S	9/12 SW	8/11 SW	7/11 SW	10/16 SW	10/15 W	6/10 W	6/10 SW	7/11 SW
300	3/6 W	5/11 SW	5/11 SW	5/12 SW	8/17 SW	8/16 W	4/10 SW	4/10 SW	4/11 SW
Glen	4/11 SW	5/15 SW	4/13 SW	5/14 SW	6/16 SW	6/15 SW	4/10 W	3/9 SW	4/11 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	0/-6	0/-6	0/-5	2/-3	3/-2	3/-1	2/-2	-0/-5	-0/-5
900	5/0	4/-1	4/-1	6/2	7/3	7/4	5/2	3/0	3/-1
600	6/4	5/3	5/2	8/6	9/7	10/7	8/6	5/3	5/2
300	5/4	4/2	4/2	8/7	12/10	12/10	10/9	8/7	6/5
Glen	7/5	6/3	6/3	10/8	14/12	14/12	11/10	8/7	7/5
Freezing Level*	1300m	1300m	1500m	1700m	1700m	1700m	1600m	1500m	1400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Moderate UV levels despite often rather cloudy conditions. Sun cream advised.

Forecast for Friday 25 Mar 2022
Weather: Patchy cloud and the clear spells through the early hours. Then a dry day with sunny spell, perhaps some patchy low cloud across western hills. Much less hazy than recent days. Dry with a few clear spells after dark.

Maximum wind: West or southwest 5-10 mph, gusting 20 mph at times across the higher tops.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low cloud and visibility: Visibility generally good or very good. Some patchy low cloud gradually lifting up western slopes in the morning. A little patchy summit cloud possible during the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 Celsius rising to 15 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius rising to 7 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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